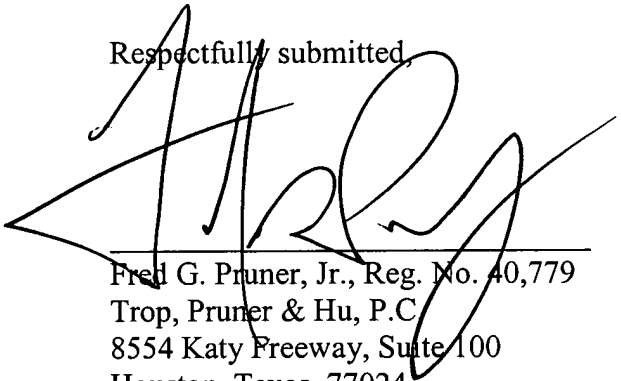


REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed on September 2, 2003, the Examiner restricted prosecution to one of the following species: a). the number of grooves; b). the shape of the grooves; c). the groove location; and d). the groove orientation. In response to this restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects without traverse prosecution of the claims covering species a, i.e., the number of grooves. These claims correspond to claims 1, 12 and 17-30, as these claims do not specifically cover any of the other species b-d. In view of this election, claims 2-11 and 13-16 have been cancelled without prejudice. Newly added claims 31 and 32 are patentable over the cited art. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (SHL.0227US)

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